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American. You must write soon
and give all the news
I must bring this letter to a close
[illegible] respects to all enquiring
friends

[illegible]

C. W. B. [illegible]

I need [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] we are
stationed on the railroad on
the edge of [illegible] close to
Carter Station.

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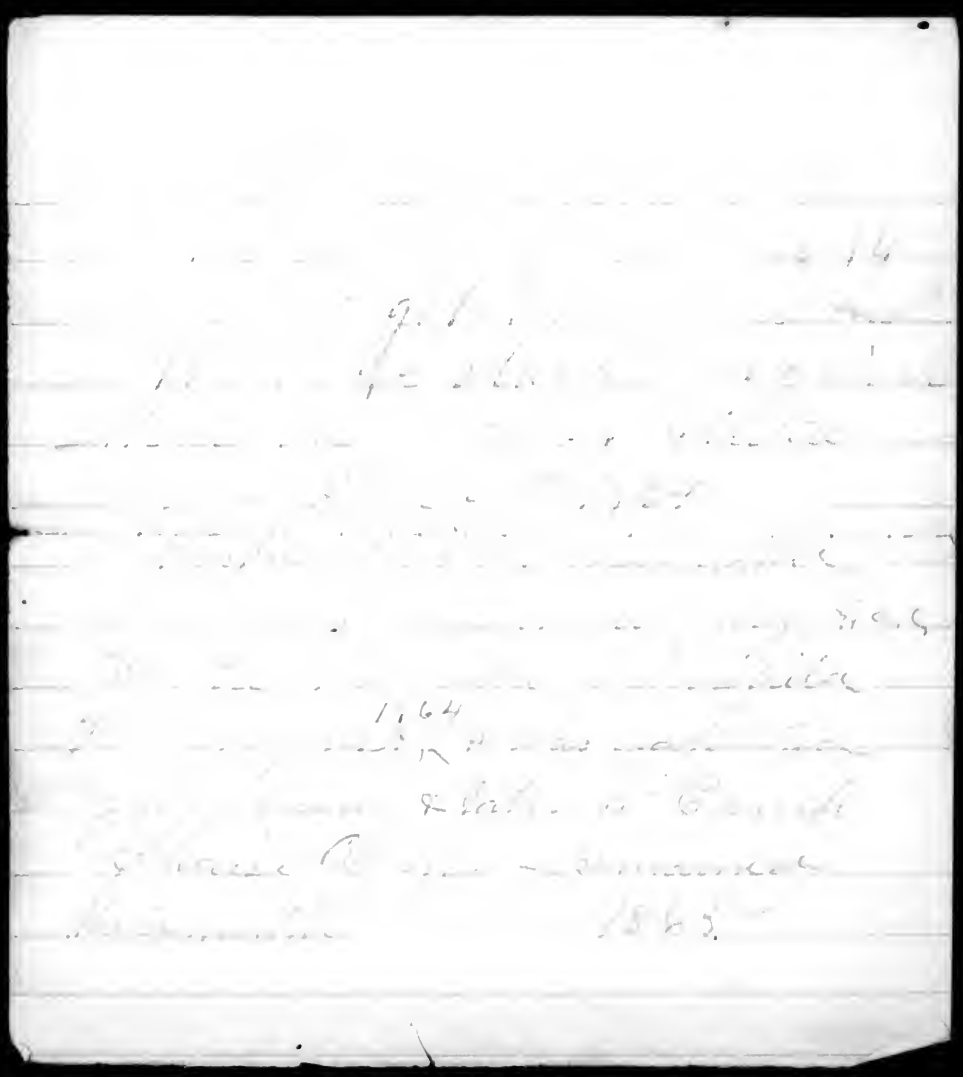

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[ORIGINAL LETTER RETAINED BY BUNKER FAMILY] [1863]

Camp Davalls ford Tenn
Nov the 18th 1863

Dear Sister

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to write to you. I am well at present and hope when these few lines do reaches you at they will find you enjoying the same blessings. We have been here at this camp about a week and I do not know how long we will have to remain but I know if we stay here much longer we will perish to death. About two weeks ago [redacted] went out on a scout and was gone about five days we traveled three nights and days before we made a halt the second night got me it rained all night as hard as it could pour and we had to travel over the rockyest and the muddyest road that I ever saw and the

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next morning we ran up on the yankee pickets and captured them and went on to a little town call Rogersville and there we saw a little fun catching yankees we captured about 150 yankees and started back about twelve oclock and travelled all night that night and in the whole scout we did not take our saddles off of our horses but once or twice and did not feed but once or twice a day and when we got back to camp every horse in the Batalion had the scratches so bad that they could hardly travell.

My horse [redacted] had the distemper she had it very bad she had it about four weeks and went on that raid and travelled so hard that she is now nearly dead.

John Greenwood & and the ballard of the boys is well I w must send me two or three pare of

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socks & a pare of gloves I lost
my gloves on that charge after
the yankees you must make
them send for and send them
out dear if you can for
I do not think I will come
home this winter and you
must send me another blanket
for the weather is getting very
cold out here. you must write
soon I will have to bring
this letter to a close as it is
getting time to go about supper

Yours as ever

R W Bunker

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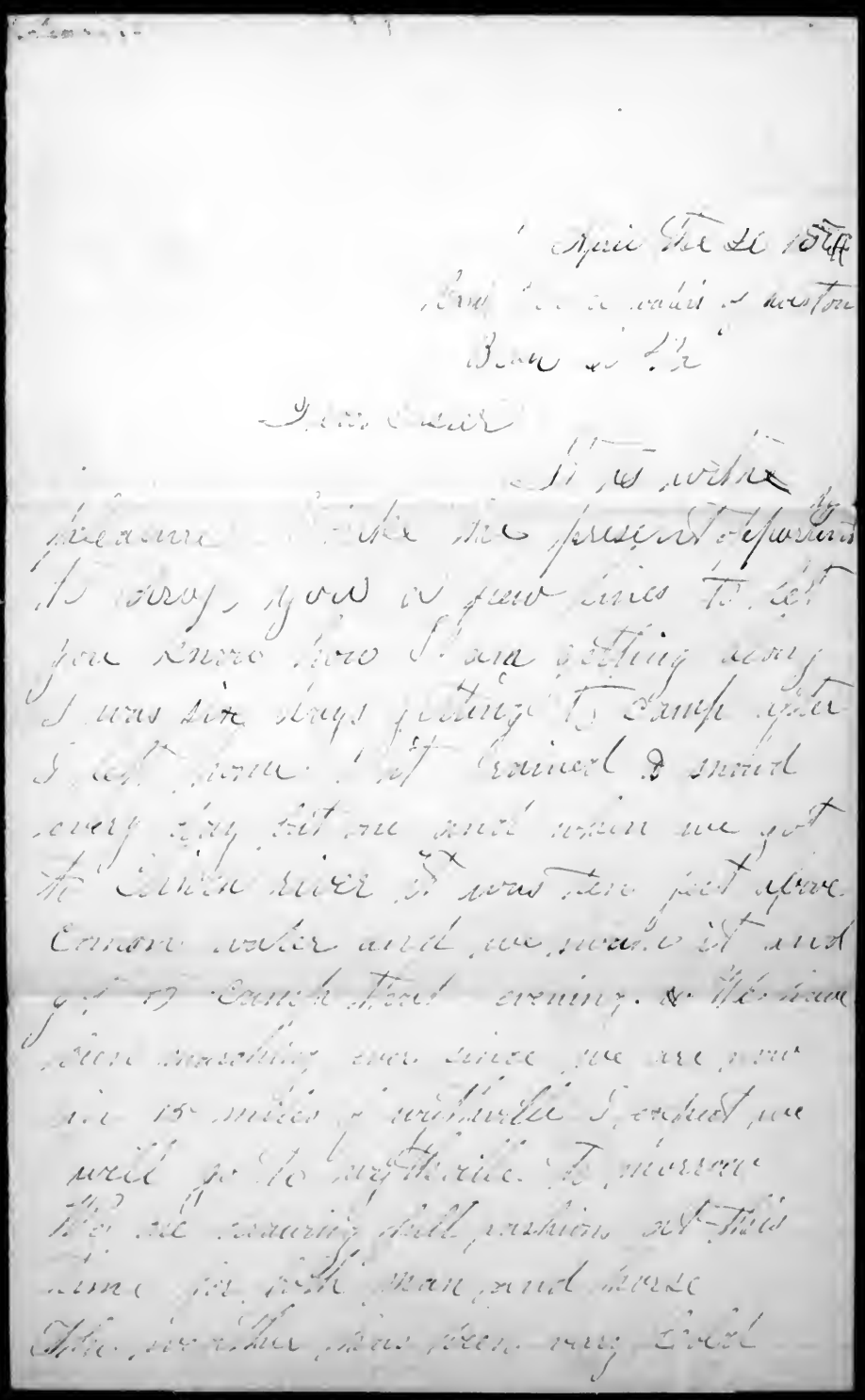

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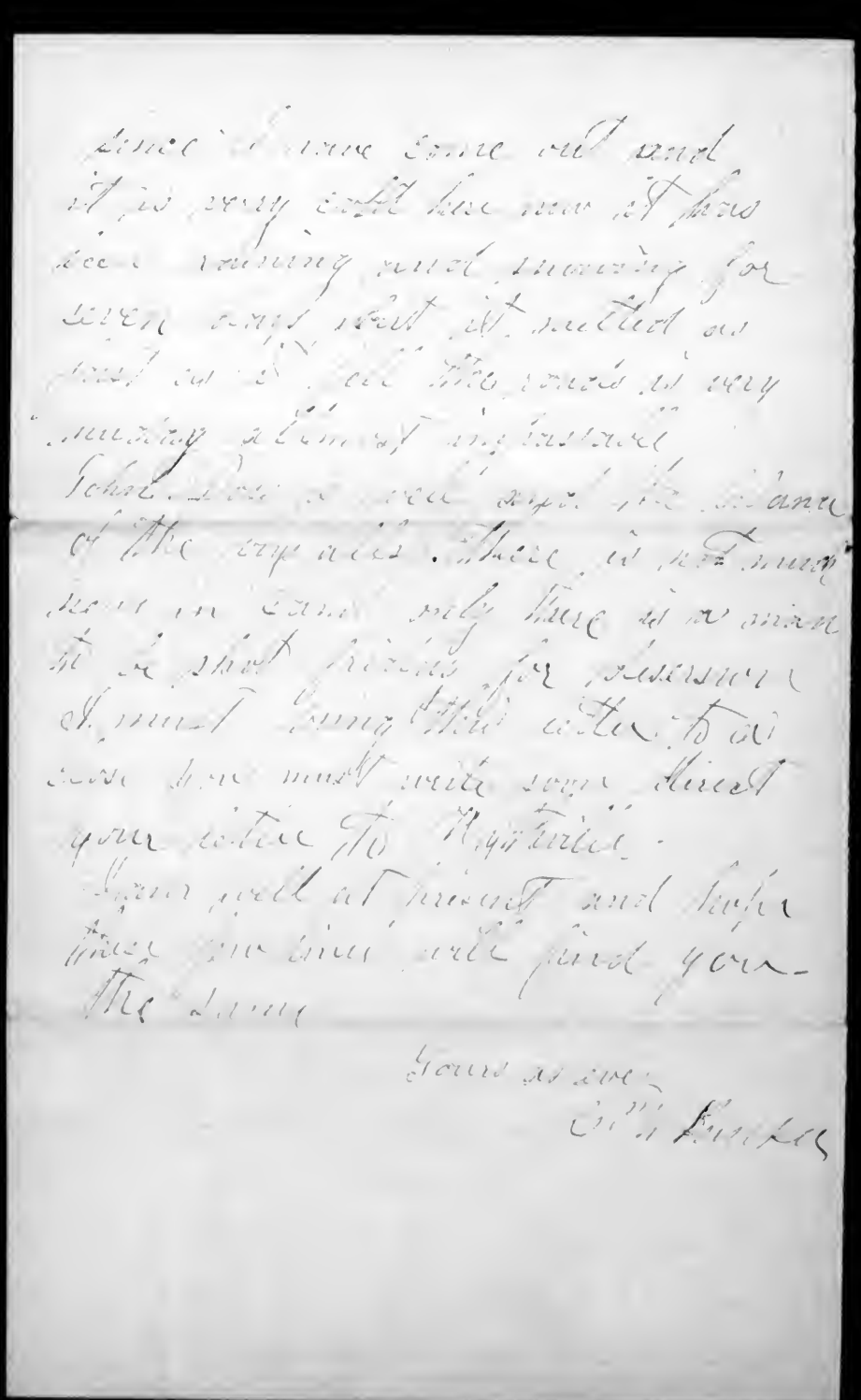

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Dublin Va

May the 14 the 1864

Dear Sister

As we have to rest a day at this camp I will take time to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present and safe. Hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same privilege We have been marching about three weeks and our horses is very near worn out we have nothing to feed them on but grass and march them long and day. Last Tuesday we met the Yankees 5 five miles northwest in direction from Wytheville the fight Commenced about one oclock and we fought them until dark we drove them back about 6 miles they was making their way to Wytheville there was about 1800 of them I went into the fight

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and as it happened I came out
safe. In there were 45 Yankees killed
and 10 or 15 of our men. We never
lost many man out of our Battalion.
We went back to Wilmington that
night and the next day morning we
drew five days rashions and come
in three miles of this place and
and the next morning we come to
town. The Yankees burnt the
depot and several other buildings.
The Regiment that Shade Franklin was
got cut up pretty badly at this place.
I went out to the hospital the
other day to see if I could hear
from him and one of the wounded
men told me that he came
out safe. We are going to start to
the salt works this evening. You
must write to me as soon
as you get this. John Doss was
in the fight and come out

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said John Greenwood was not
on the right he is on detail
out upon Saltville Direct your
letter to W. J. Thrill

Yours &c
C W Bunker

James Belton come out safe

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Lexington Rockbridge Co. Va
June the 26th 1864

Dear Sister

As we have to stop and rest a day or two at this place I thought that I would drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We have been marching every day for 30 days we do not get anything to feed our horses on but grass and we do not give them much time to eat that and the most of them is broken down my horse and John Dosses is broken down and lame and we are now behind the Command recruiting them up. We have been in four or five fights since we have been down here. The Yankees come very near taking me prisioner two or three times I had to slip through their lines one time in the night.

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I have seen all of the boys that belonged to the 2nd N.C. Reg. I saw them at Lynchburg. Wilkshire Bunnel said that he had not heard from his people in a long time and he told me to tell you to tell his people that he was well Drewry Creed was well also. all of the boys is well from that neighbourhood Capt Young was taken prisioner at the fight at Salem. the Yankes took a great deal of propety from this county they stole about 500 negroes and four or five thousand head of cattle and about fifteen hundred ~~head~~ head of horses. I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same

Yours &c
C. P. Bunker

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From C B . . 1863

Camp near Petersburg Va
July the 1st 1864

Dear Sister

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We are now on the march but I cannot learn where we are going to, although I suspect we are going to Pennsylvania and Maryland. John Doe & James Dennis is up with the Company and they is part of the time to be to Lynchburg with us. We have very hard to get them provisions. Thank you sent to me. The Yankees came very near taking our prisoners here a

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these times they have taken
Capt Young & two other Captz
out of our regiment we had
a hard time a running of
them and they running of us
My horse borked himself and
become very lame and I had
to leave him with a gentleman
there who lives five miles this
side of Lexington in Rockbridge
County Va his name is Linsey
he said that he would take good
care of him until I got back
or you sent for him and
if I should get killed or captured
on this raid you can send and
get him. I am well at
this time and hope these
few lines may find you the
same John Davis horse is
lame and he say he will have
to leave him in a few days

Wheat Crops here is the best
that I ever saw and corn
Crops is very good also
in this County I must bring
this letter to a close you
must write soon and
direct your letter to Staunton
Staunton Va

Yours &c
C W Bunker

the mans name that I
left my horse with is
A Lindsey
Lexington Rock Bridge Co
Va

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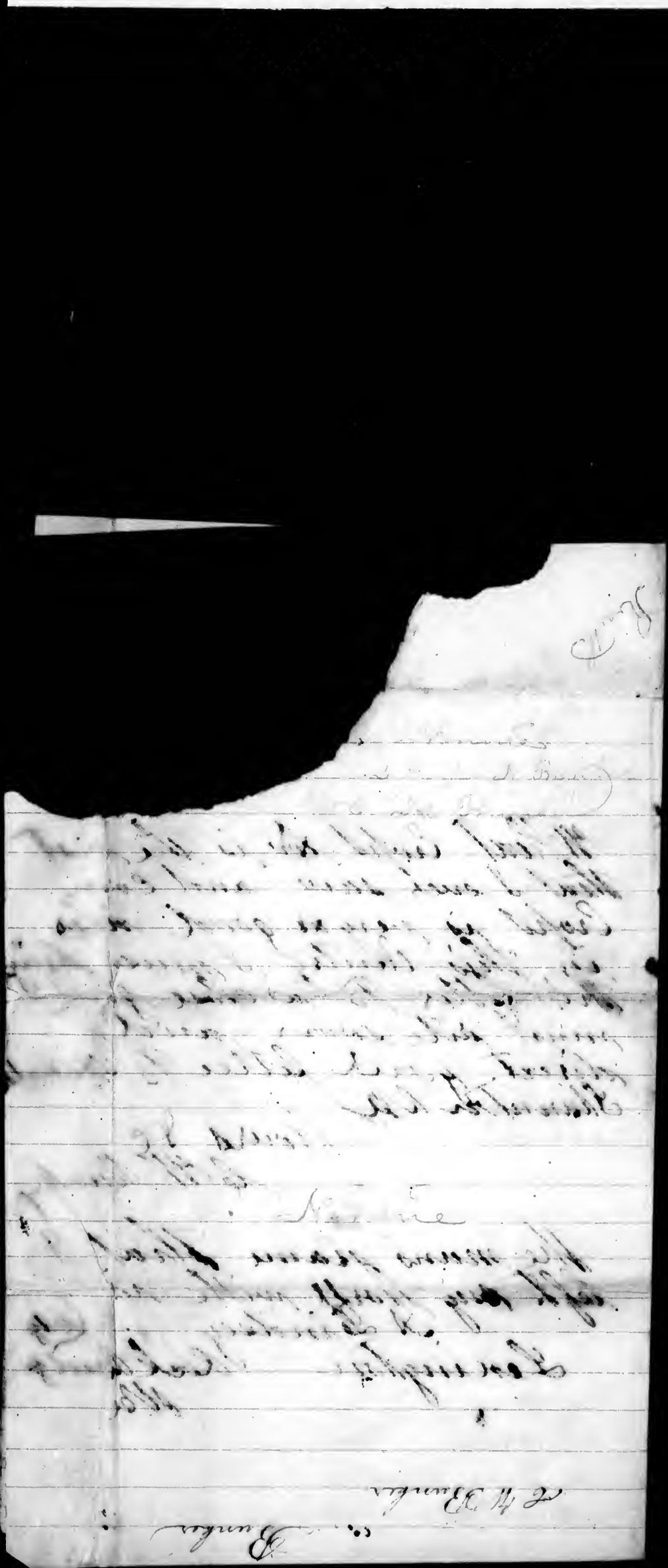

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Bunker

C H Bunker

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Camp Chase, O., Oct the 12th 1864

Dear Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I was captured the 7th of last August and brought to this place. I have no news of intrest to write to you as there are none allowed to come in prision. You must write to me as soon as you get this and let me know how you are getting along I would like to hear from you all as it has been a long time since I heard from you. but I hope I will not be very long before I hear from you and see you too all though I see no chance for an exchange.

I have not seen many well days since I came to this place I have had the Small pox and have now got the diarea but I hope that I will be well in the course of a week. The Small pox did not go very hard with me It did not confine me to my bed but about three weeks. I would like to have some Clothes as I have not got but one suit and it is very thin summer goods for it is impossible for you to send me any from home We are drawing very light rashions here just enough to keep breath and body together I must bring this to a close and I hope it will find you well and doing well. Direct to Camp Chase Columbus Ohio and put it in another envelop and direct to Judge Ould Officer of exchang Richmond Va

I remain Your son as ever C W Bunker